

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 253
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A RESOLUTION to commend Reverend Paul Frank for his meritorious service and to recognize him upon the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and honor those venerable Tennessee ministers who have faithfully served God, their congregations, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Paul Frank is one such estimable minister who has served his community and congregation with distinction for many years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with a Bachelors of Science degree from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, Paul Frank obtained his Masters of Divinity from Wittenberg University's Hamma School of Theology in 1965; and

WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1974, Reverend Frank was the Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tullahoma, Tennessee; during this time he also served as a part-time administrator for the Tullahoma School for the Handicapped and a part-time Chaplain for the State Vocational Training School for Girls; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, Reverend Paul Frank has been the Pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee; during this time, he also served as the Dean and Youth Advisor for the Greater Nashville District and was a member of both the Southeast Synod Worship Committee and the Southeast Synod Youth Committee; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Frank rendered excellent service as the Unit Leader for the Synod Youth Summer Event and as the Middle Tennessee Youth Board Advisor to the Synod Youth Conference; and

WHEREAS, evincing a deep commitment to community service, Reverend Frank has been a board member for many estimable organizations, including the Trac House, the Hendersonville Arts Council, and the Sumner County YMCA Planning Project; and

WHEREAS, affirming his deep commitment to the principles of faith, perseverance, and hard work, Reverend Paul Frank has been a minister for five decades, and has assisted numerous community ministries in helping the poor, the downtrodden, and those whom society has forgotten; and

WHEREAS, through his great capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, Reverend Paul Frank organized the Homebound Meals Program; and

WHEREAS, a testament to tireless commitment to Christian service, Reverend Paul Frank was an upstanding member of the Hendersonville Community Pastors Association, including serving as its Program Chair, Treasurer, and President at various times, and was a volunteer Chaplain for the Hendersonville Hospital; and

WHEREAS, a true public servant, Reverend Frank has been a member of the Hendersonville Rotary Club for twenty years and, in 1990-1991, he was named the Rotarian of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Frank exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Miriam; he is the proud father of Christy LaPointe and Darren Frank and the proud grandfather of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize the meritorious life of Paul Frank and wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we thank Paul Frank for his faithful and devout service to his community and congregation and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

